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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

SIR:

Applicants submit herewith the following disclosure in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Applicants wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office the reference set forth on the attached form PTO/SB/08a, a copy of the cited reference is enclosed. Applicants also enclose a copy of an examination report that was issued by the European Patent Application, which discusses a second reference that has already been made of record in the present case.

Applicants take no position on whether the item cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08a constitutes prior art against the subject application under any particular provision of Title 35 of the United States Code. Because this statement is being submitted after a Request for Continued Examination was filed, Applicants submit that no fee is due. If the Examiner determines that a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 11-0171.

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